CHILD FIND



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Consistent with requirements of IDEA (300.111) and State Rules (ILA(1-3)), each LEA shall ensure that all students with disabilities ages 0-21 residing in the LEA who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located, and evaluated.

Child Find applies to students...

- Highly mobile, such as migrant and homeless.
- Suspected of having disability even though advancing from grade to grade.
- \Box 0-21

- ☐ Private school students.
- Includes students from out of state placed by parents or agencies in private schools or residential facilities.

FIND means..

- □ Search out and find.
- □ Educate staff on signs that student might have a disability.
- Playground supervisors, teachers, principals, parents, neighbors.
- □ Be alert but not paranoid.

How do we find the babies, toddlers, and preschoolers?

- ☐ Inform hospital, local physicians.
- Interagency
 agreements with public
 health and early
 intervention.
- □ Public announcements.

- □ Newspapers.
- □ Posters in school offices.
- \square Flyer at post office.
- □ Grapevine.
- Church organizations.

Clues that child might have a disability

Parents tell a special education teacher or principal that they suspect child has a disability.

 Student is struggling academically, functionally, socially, and/or emotionally.

What if...

- □ Teacher tells principal child may have disability.
- Another person refers student for evaluation.
- Classroom and school interventions haven't helped.

Always

■ Be alert for students who are having difficulty with educational performance.

What is educational performance?

Educational Performance

- □ Academic achievement
- Functional performance
- Developmental markers
- Emotional regulation
- Social relationships
- Communication



Regular Education Interventions

- History of failed classroom interventions and/or programs.
- □ Interventions correctly implemented.
- Data collected and analyzed.
- Proved ineffective.
- Before referring student for special education evaluation.
- Applies to some preschoolers.